Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The safety and well-being of all South Dakota citizens are of utmost importance; and,

Whereas, Wildfire destroys an average of 1,100 homes per year; and,

Whereas, There have been 34,083 fires nationwide during the past 6 months, consuming 602,533 acres; and,

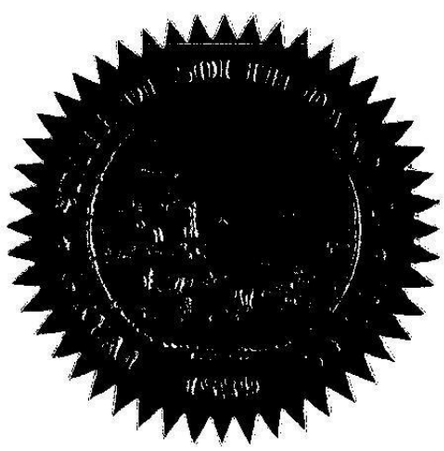
Whereas, Several years of dry conditions and severe infestation of pine beetles have increased fire danger in our state; and,

Whereas, Citizens can help protect themselves and their property by following fire safety precautions:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2004, as

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to observe the month by taking time to ensure that their homes and property are properly maintained to provide safety in the event of wildfire.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State